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1. MOFA VICE MINISTER SATO IS QUOTED AS TELLING PRESS ON EVENING OF MARCH 8 THAT HE EXPECTS OPENING OF PLO REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN TOKYO "TO CONTRIBUTE TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PALESTINIAN AND JAPANESE PEOPLES," THUS RESPONDING IN LOWEST KEY TO PLO DEMAND THAT JAPAN "RECOGNIZE" PLO REPRESENTATIVES. SATO ALSO SAID THAT "IF NECESSARY," FON MIN MIYAZAWA AND OTHER CONCERNED OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO MEET PLO POLDIV HEAD FAROUK KADDOUMI DURING LATTER'S IMPENDING VISIT TO JAPAN.

2. SATO'S STATEMENT AT REGULARLY-SCHEDULED PRESS CONFERENCE CLOSELY FOLLOWED REPORTS OF SHAFIK AL HOUT'S
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"OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT" TO JAPANESE PRESS CORPS IN BEIRUT

THAT PLO WOULD OPEN OFFICE IN TOKYO. AL HOUT ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "WITH KADDOUMI AS THE HEAD, A PLO DELEGATION HAS RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO VISIT JAPAN FROM THE LDP; ACCOMPANYING THIS, THE OFFICE WILL BE OPENED AT THE EARLIEST AFTER MAY." HE TOLD JAPANESE PRESS THAT SELECTION OF TOKYO OFFICE CHIEF IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. PRESS HAS PLAYED FONOFF'S HANDLING OF PROBLEM AS "CLOSE TO QUASI-DIPLOMATIC TREATMENT." ASAHI QUOTES "FONOFF SOURCES" AS SAYING REQUISITES FOR QUASI-

DIPLOMATIC TREATMENT ARE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND, AIMING AT SOLUTION OF PALESTINE QUESTION, PLO'S ATTENDANCE WITH ISRAEL AT GENEVA CONFERENCE;

4. EMBASSY'S FONOFF CONTACTS REJECT USE OF TERM "QUASI DIPLOMATIC STATUS" TO DESCRIBE PRESENT SITUATION. THEY ALSO DRAW CAREFUL DISTINCTION BETWEEN AN INVITATION TO PLO GROUP BY THE LDP AND BY THE LDP'S INTERNATIONAL BUREAU (THE PRESENT CASE). FINALLY, EMBASSY'S CONTACTS SAID VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN APRIL AND OFFICE OPENING MIGHT OCCUR SOMETIME IN MAY.

5. COMMENT: AL HOUT ANNOUNCEMENT, AND FONOFF NOD TOWARD IT, SEEMS TO BRING TO AN END EIGHT MONTH-LONG NEGOTIATION OVER CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF TOKYO OFFICE. THOUGH GOJ IS PERSUADED THAT NO DURABLE SOLUTION TO MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS LIKELY WITHOUT PLO PARTICIPATION IN IT, IT SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED GIVING PLO MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAN WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES. SHOESMITH

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